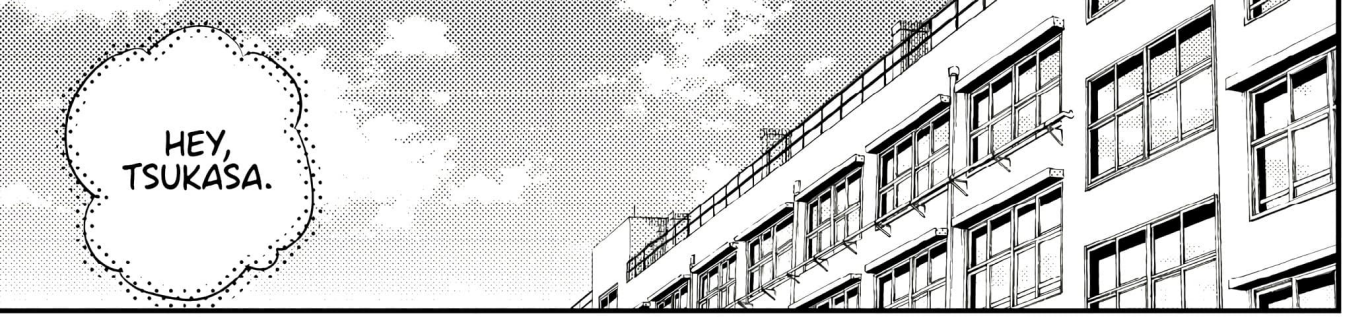
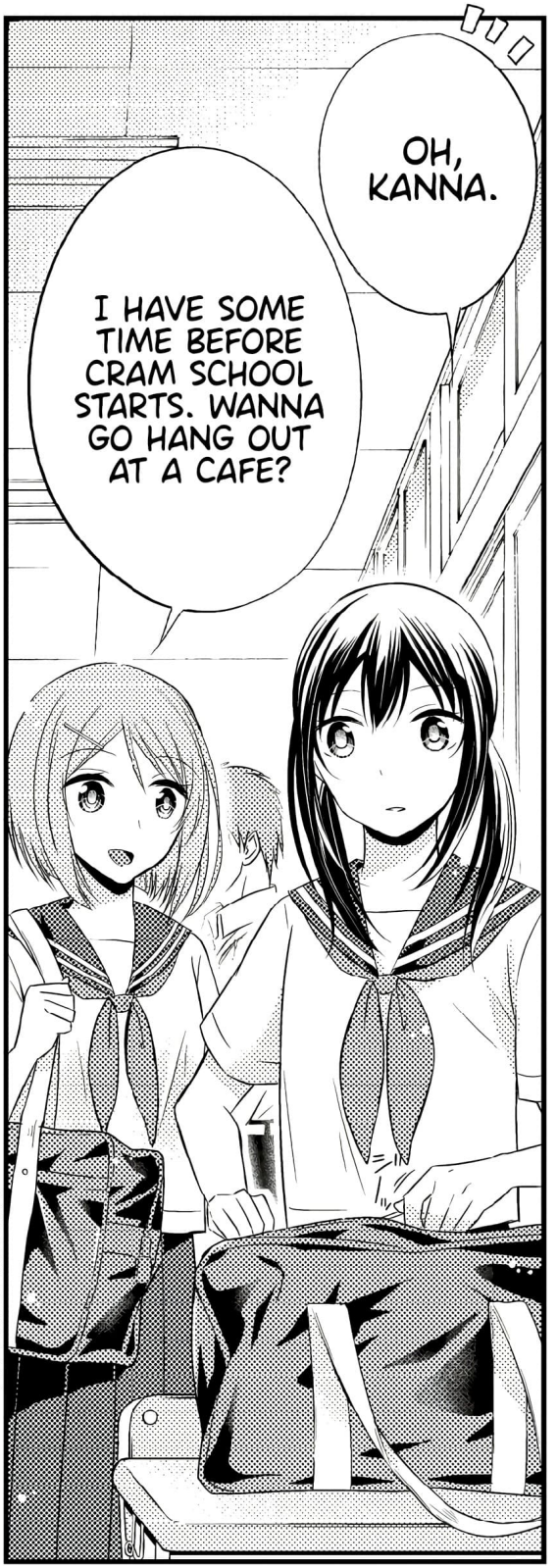
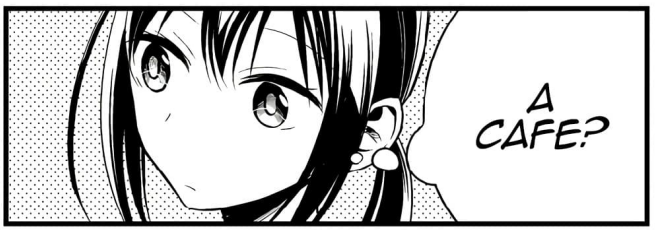
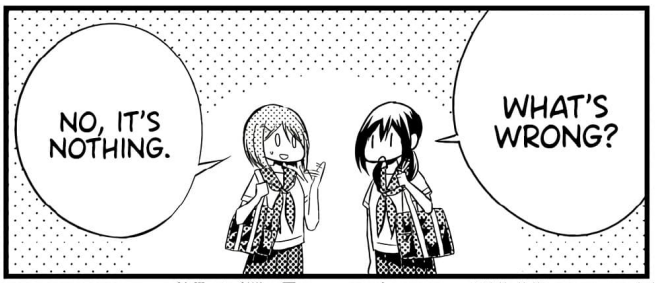

HEY, TSUKASA.


OH, KANNA.
I HAVE SOME TIME BEFORE CRAM SCHOOL STARTS. WANNA GO HANG OUT AT A CAFE?


A CAFE?

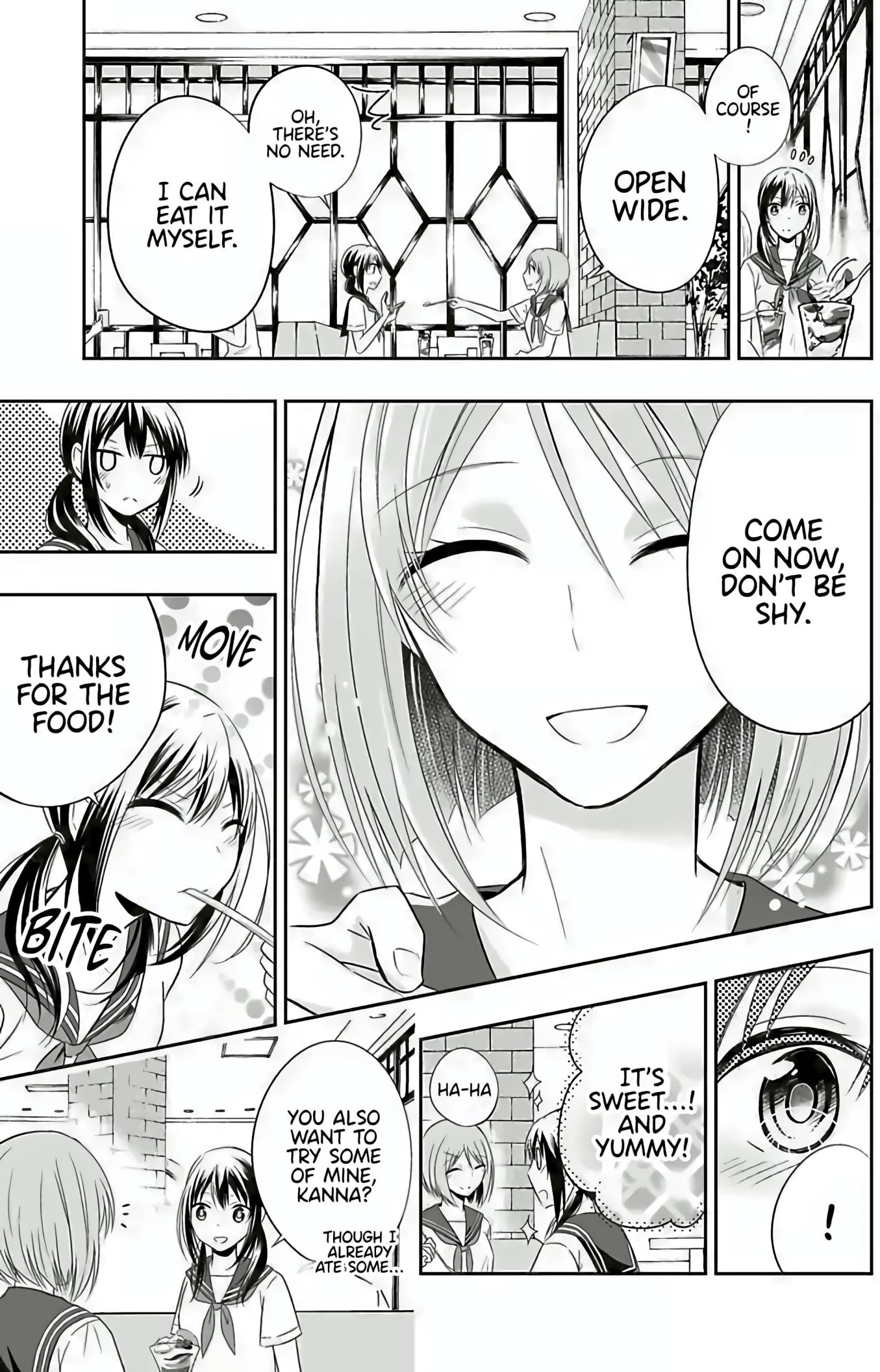
HMM...
SURE.
LET'S GO.
THAT SHOULD BE FINE, I GUESS.


NO, IT'S NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG?

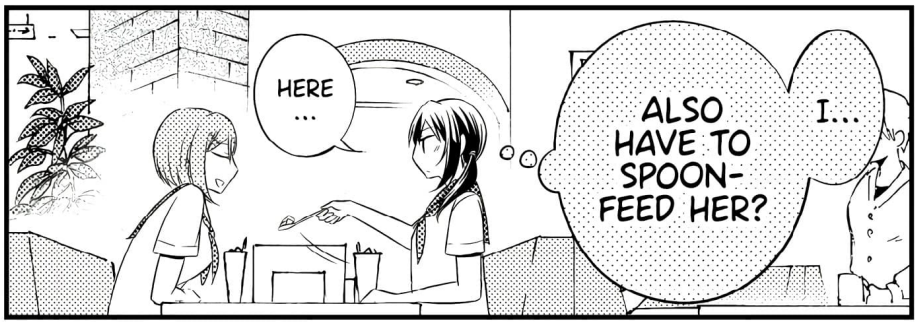
GRAB
!

vane 若葉
Cafe
LET'S GO!
OH!

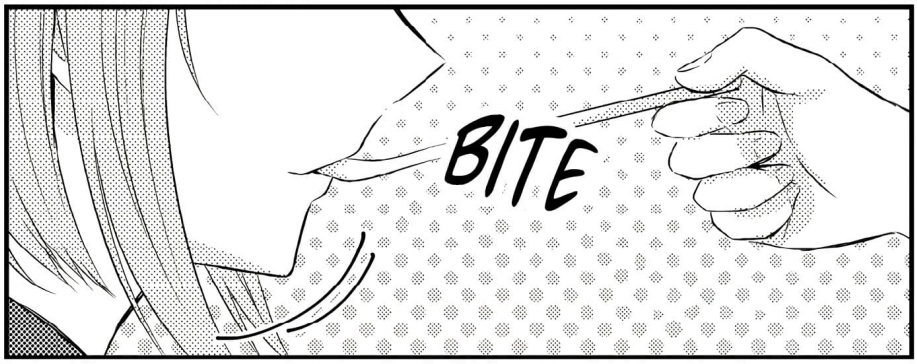
WANT TO TRY MINE? IT'S STRAW-BERRY.
CAN I?
REALLY?
IT'S DELICIOUS...!


OF COURSE!
OPEN WIDE.
OH, THERE'S NO NEED.
I CAN EAT IT MYSELF.
COME ON NOW, DON'T BE SHY.
MOVE
THANKS FOR THE FOOD!
BITE
!
IT'S SWEET...! AND YUMMY!
HA-HA
YOU ALSO WANT TO TRY SOME OF MINE, KANNA?
THOUGH I ALREADY ATE SOME...

PART
WELL, DON'T MIND IF I DO.


HERE ...
I...
ALSO HAVE TO SPOON-FEED HER?

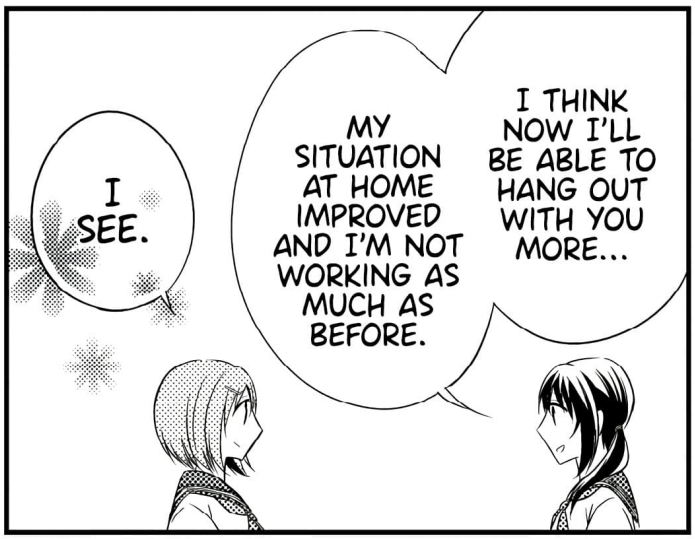
DOES THAT MEAN...

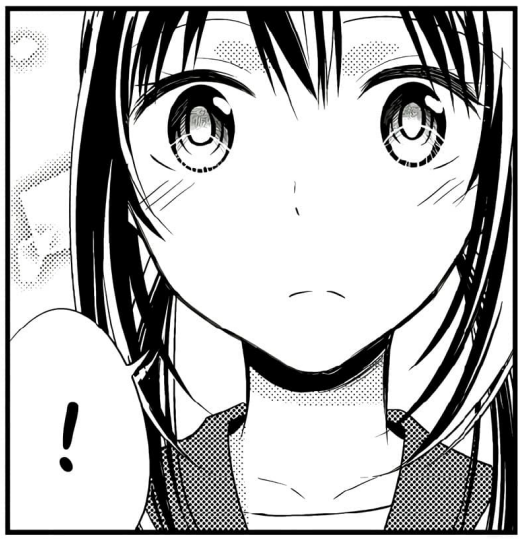

BITE

OH WOW, THIS ONE'S DELICIOUS!
THE CHOCOLATE ONE IS A BIT BITTER, NO?
I LIKE IT!

I ONLY CAME HERE ONCE A LONG TIME AGO, BUT THAT WAS WITH MY FRIENDS FROM CRAM SCHOOL.
HUH, THAT'S SURPRISING.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HERE MUCH, I TAKE IT?
NO.
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE TYPE TO COME HERE OFTEN...
GIVEN HOW MUCH YOU LOVE SWEETS.
PLUS, THE STORE'S PRETTY AND THE TREATS HERE ARE DELICIOUS.
WELL, THAT'S JUST IT...
TOUCH
!
DID... I HAVE ICE CREAM ON MY LIPS?
THIS PLACE ALWAYS LOOKED
THANKS.
LIKE SOME PLACE I WANTED TO EAT.

LICK
IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT...
THAT I'D THOUGHT I COME HERE WITH YOU NEXT TIME.
AND I FINALLY ACHIEVED THAT!


I SEE.
MY SITUATION AT HOME IMPROVED AND I'M NOT WORKING AS MUCH AS BEFORE.
I THINK NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO HANG OUT WITH YOU MORE...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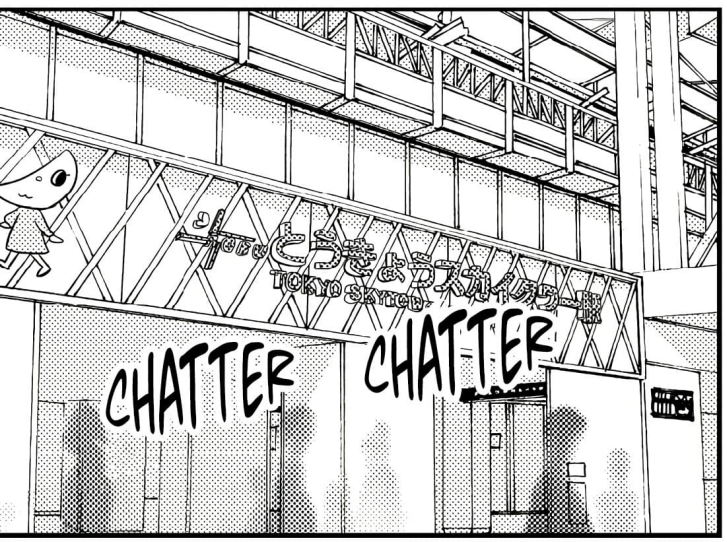
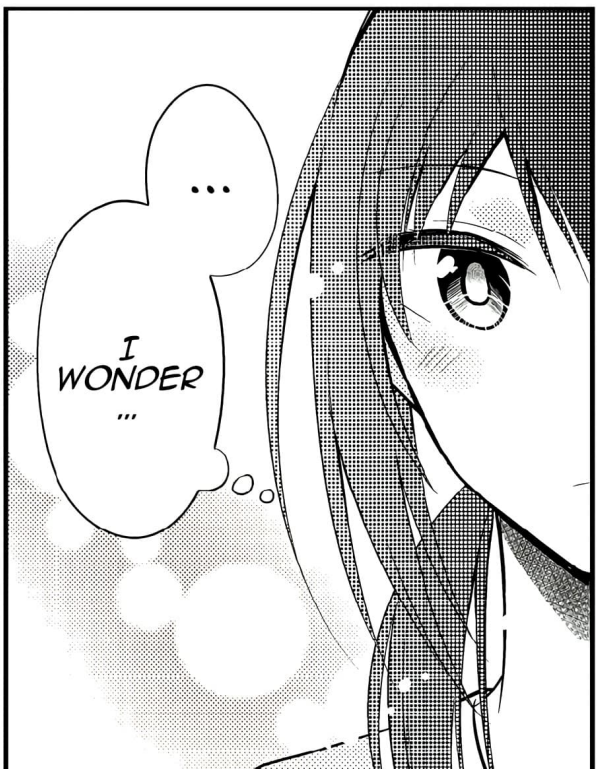
YEAH.
THEY SELL SUPER YUMMY CREPES! LET'S GO THERE NEXT TIME!
THERE'S ANOTHER STORE FROM THIS CHAIN NEARBY!

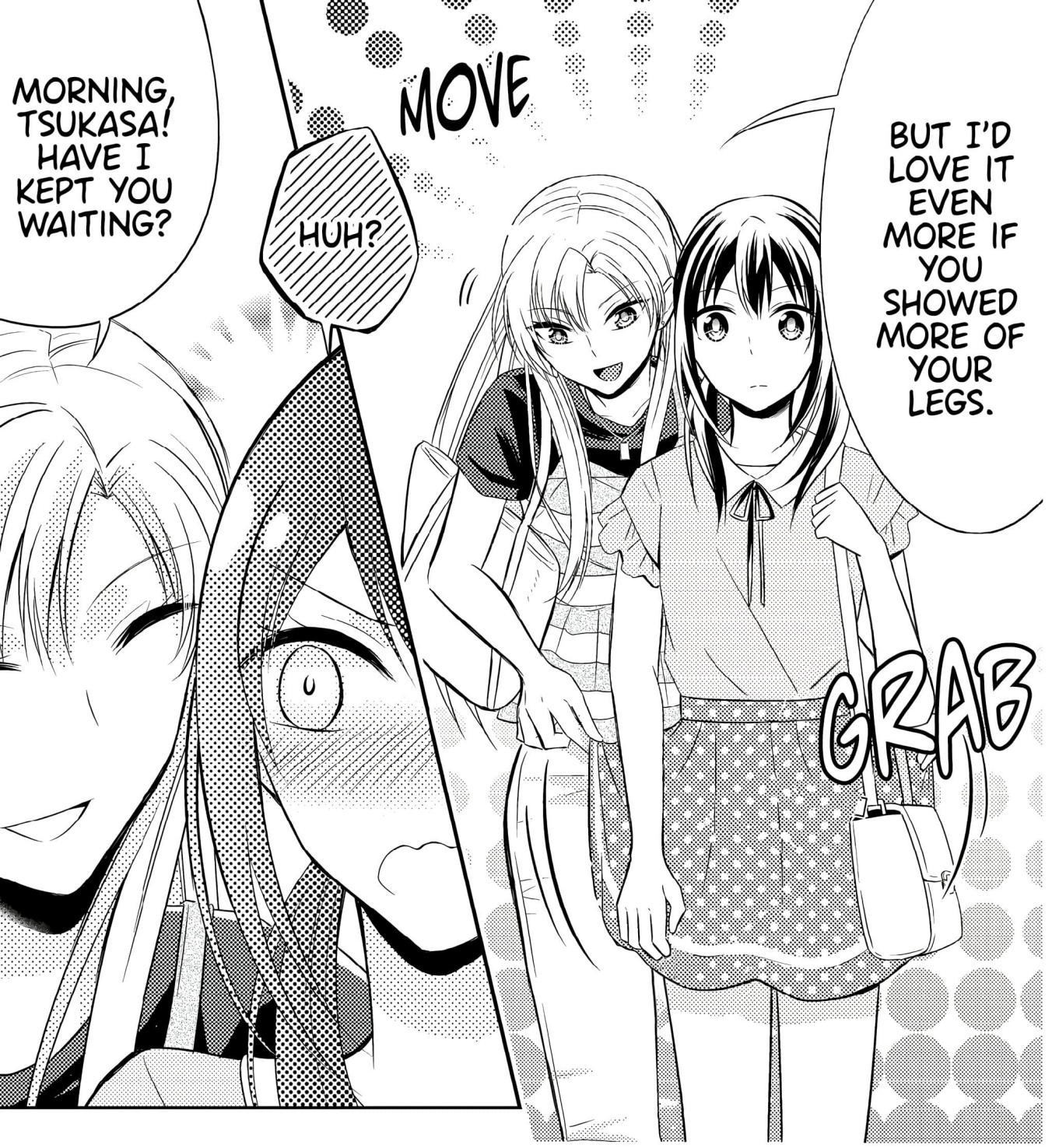
OH!
THIS MAY BE A BIT SUDDEN, BUT ARE YOU FREE THIS SUNDAY?
I'M GONNA GO SHOPPING...
SORRY, BUT I'LL BE BUSY THAT DAY.
IT'S OKAY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
I DIDN'T LOSE ANYTHING BY JUST ASKING. ^^
WE CAN GO NEXT WEEKEND.
...THAT'S RIGHT, THIS SUNDAY...

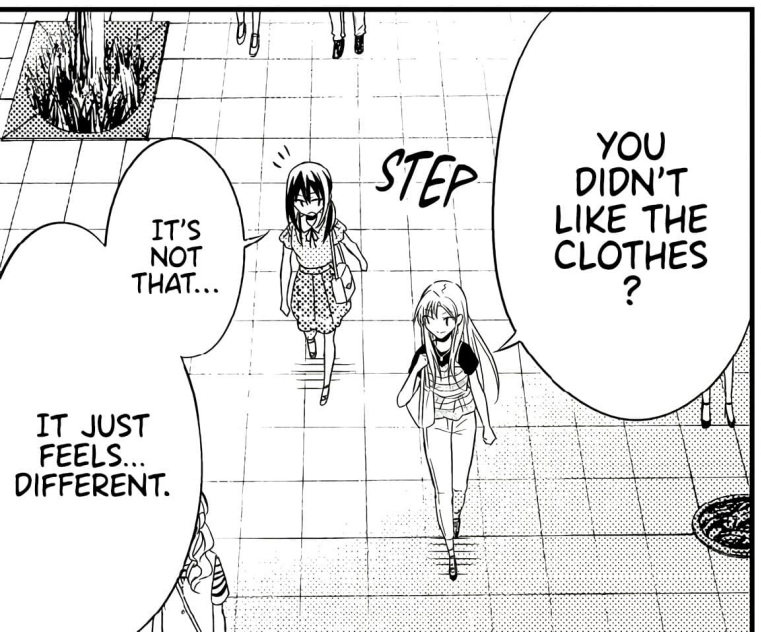

CHATTER CHATTER

REIKO AND I AGREED TO MEET.

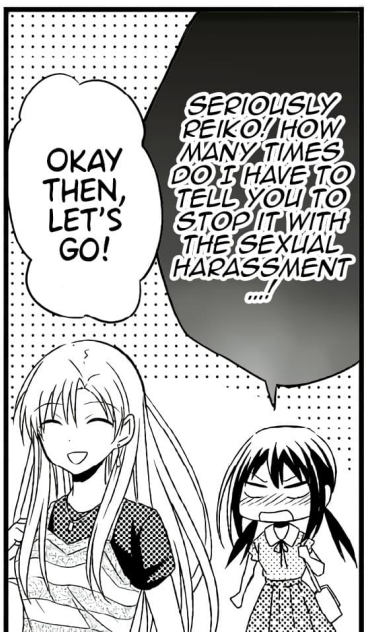

...
I WONDER ...

WOULD ONE CONSIDER THIS A DATE?
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM GOING OUT TO HAVE FUN WITH A FRIEND.
...
THAT BEING SAID...
GRAB
I WISH THIS SKIRT WERE A BIT LONGER...
THAT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU!


MORNING, TSUKASA! HAVE I KEPT YOU WAITING?
HUH?
MOVE
BUT I'D LOVE IT EVEN MORE IF YOU SHOWED MORE OF YOUR LEGS.
GRAB


YOU DIDN'T LIKE THE CLOTHES?
STEP
IT'S NOT THAT...
IT JUST FEELS... DIFFERENT.

SIGH

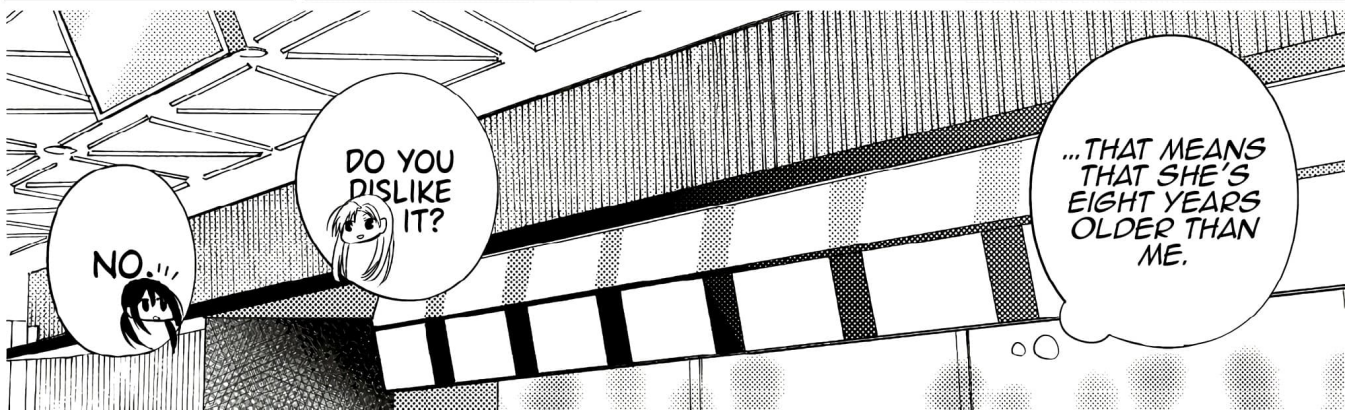

SERIOUSLY REIKO! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO STOP IT WITH THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT...!
OKAY THEN, LET'S GO!

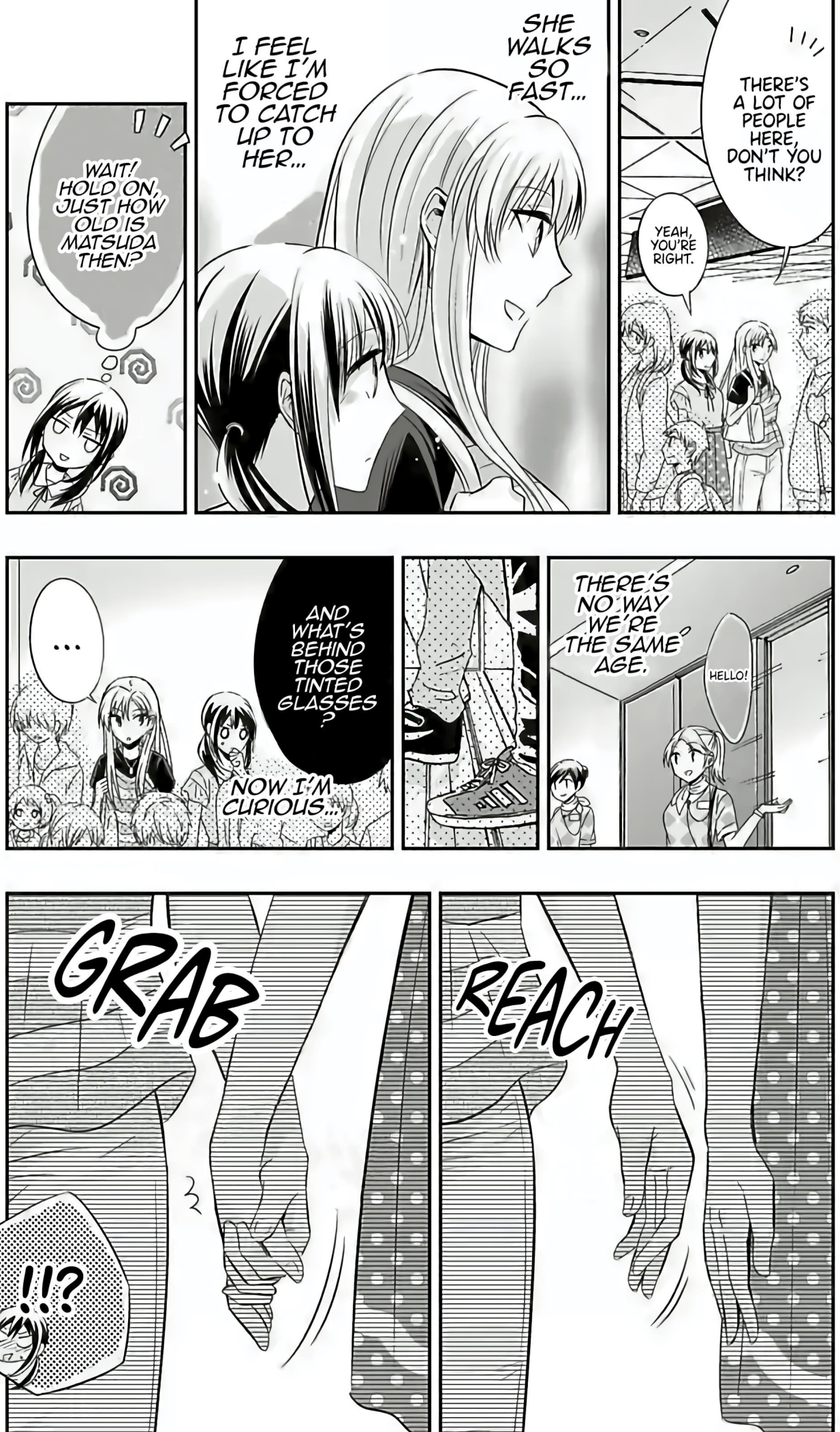
WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...
I WASN'T ALLOWED TO WEAR PRETTY CLOTHES, LET ALONE GO OUT TO HAVE FUN.

YOU'LL GET USED TO THEM IN NO TIME.
I HOPE SO.

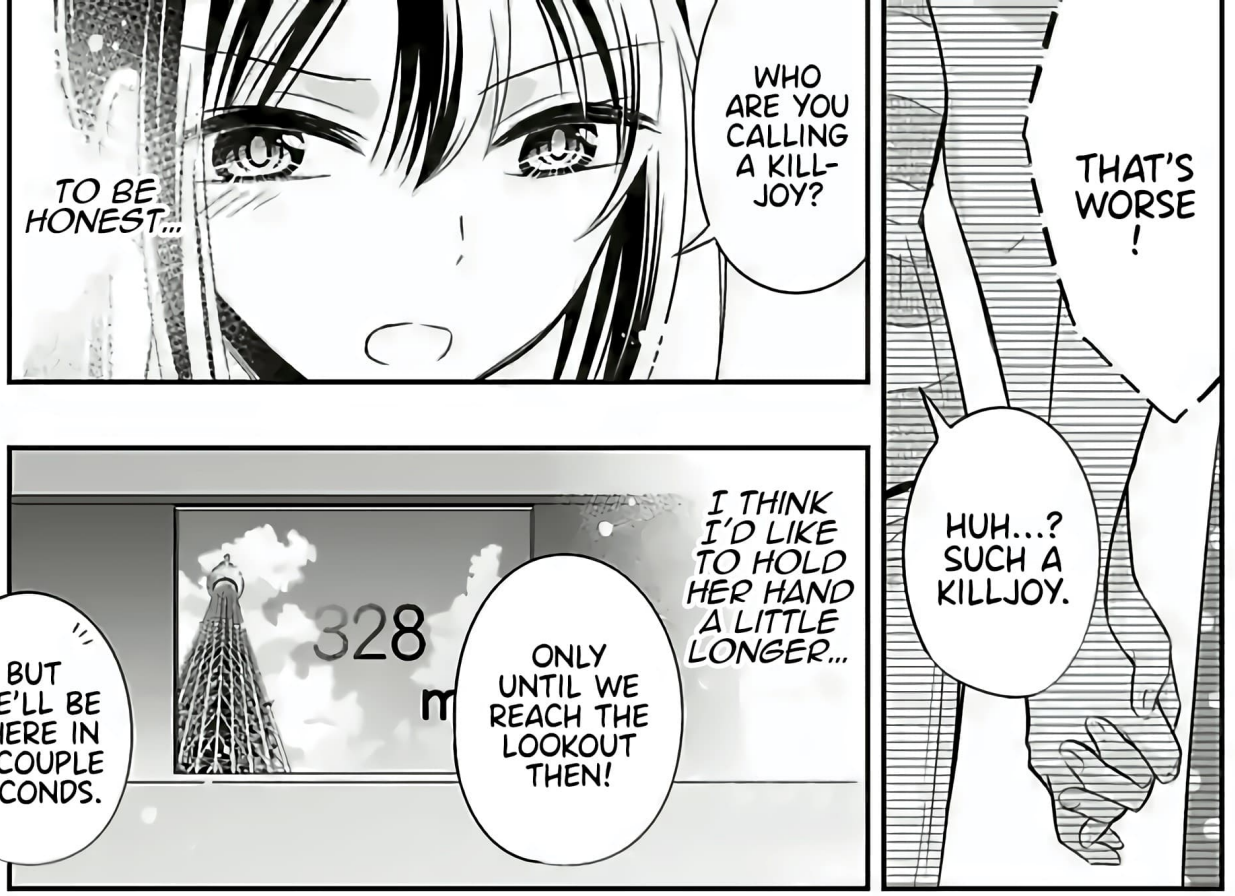
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
OH? I DIDN'T TELL YOU?
I'M 24.

I WANT YOU TO EXPERIENCE LOTS OF FUN THINGS IN MY PLACE. EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST A SELFISH WISH OF MINE.
NOW THAT SHE MENTIONS IT...
REIKO...


...THAT MEANS THAT SHE'S EIGHT YEARS OLDER THAN ME.
DO YOU DISLIKE IT?
NO...


THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE, DON'T YOU THINK?
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
SHE WALKS SO FAST...
I FEEL LIKE I'M FORCED TO CATCH UP TO HER...
WAIT! HOLD ON, JUST HOW OLD IS MATSUDA THEN?
THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE THE SAME AGE.
HELLO!
AND WHAT'S BEHIND THOSE TINTED GLASSES?
...
NOW I'M CURIOUS...
GRAB
REACH
!!?

IT'S JUST THAT THERE'S PEOPLE HERE...
SO...
I CAN'T HOLD YOUR HAND?
YOUR HAND!
WHY'D IT SUDDENLY GRAB MINE?
GLANCE
THAT ...
I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT?
DOES THAT MEAN WHEN WE'RE ALONE...


TO BE HONEST...
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A KILL-JOY?
THAT'S WORSE!
HUH...? SUCH A KILLJOY.
I THINK I'D LIKE TO HOLD HER HAND A LITTLE LONGER...
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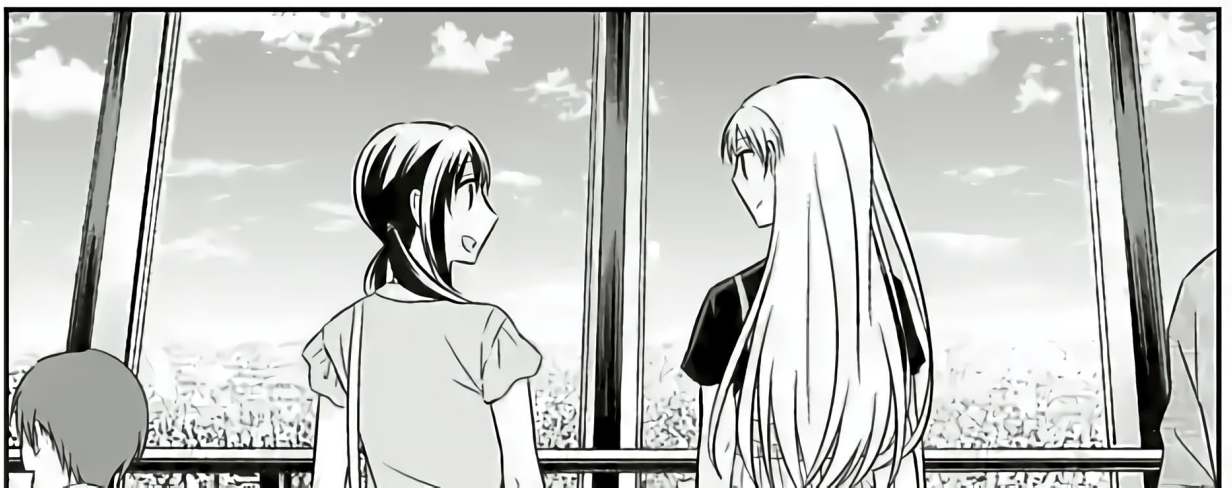
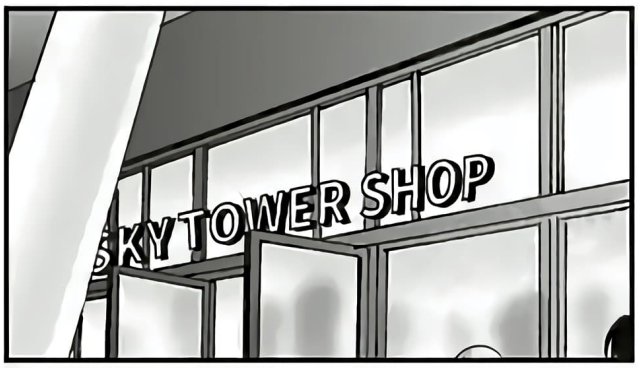
ONLY UNTIL WE REACH THE LOOKOUT THEN!
BUT WE'LL BE THERE IN A COUPLE SECONDS.

CHATTER
CHATTER

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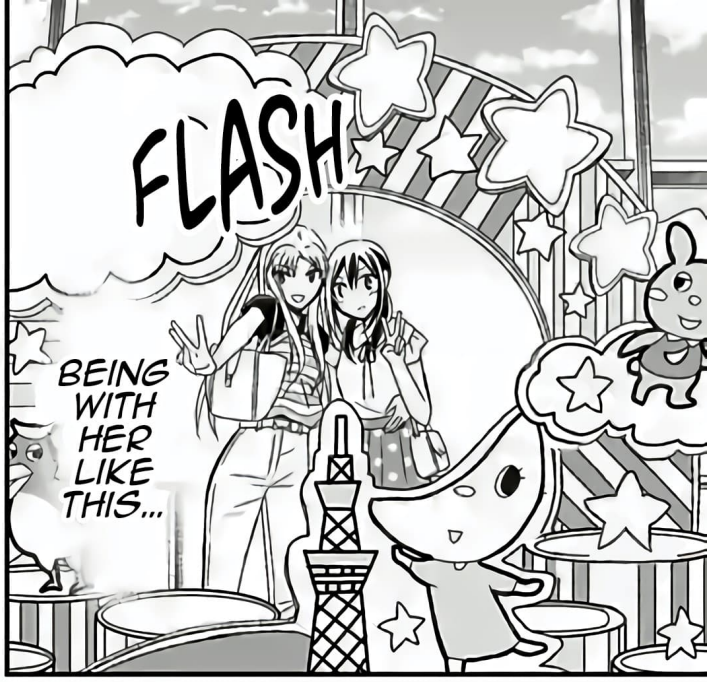
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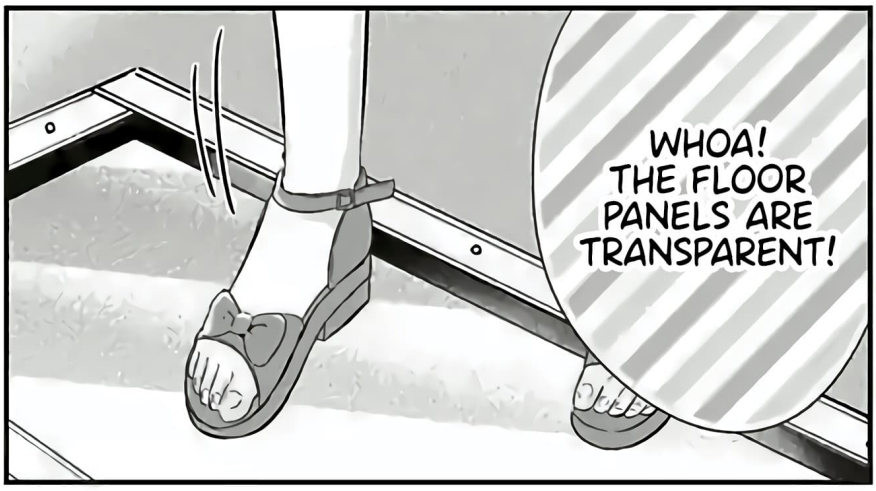
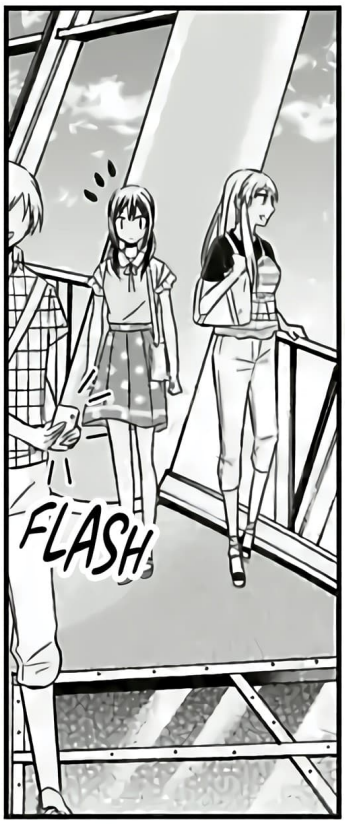
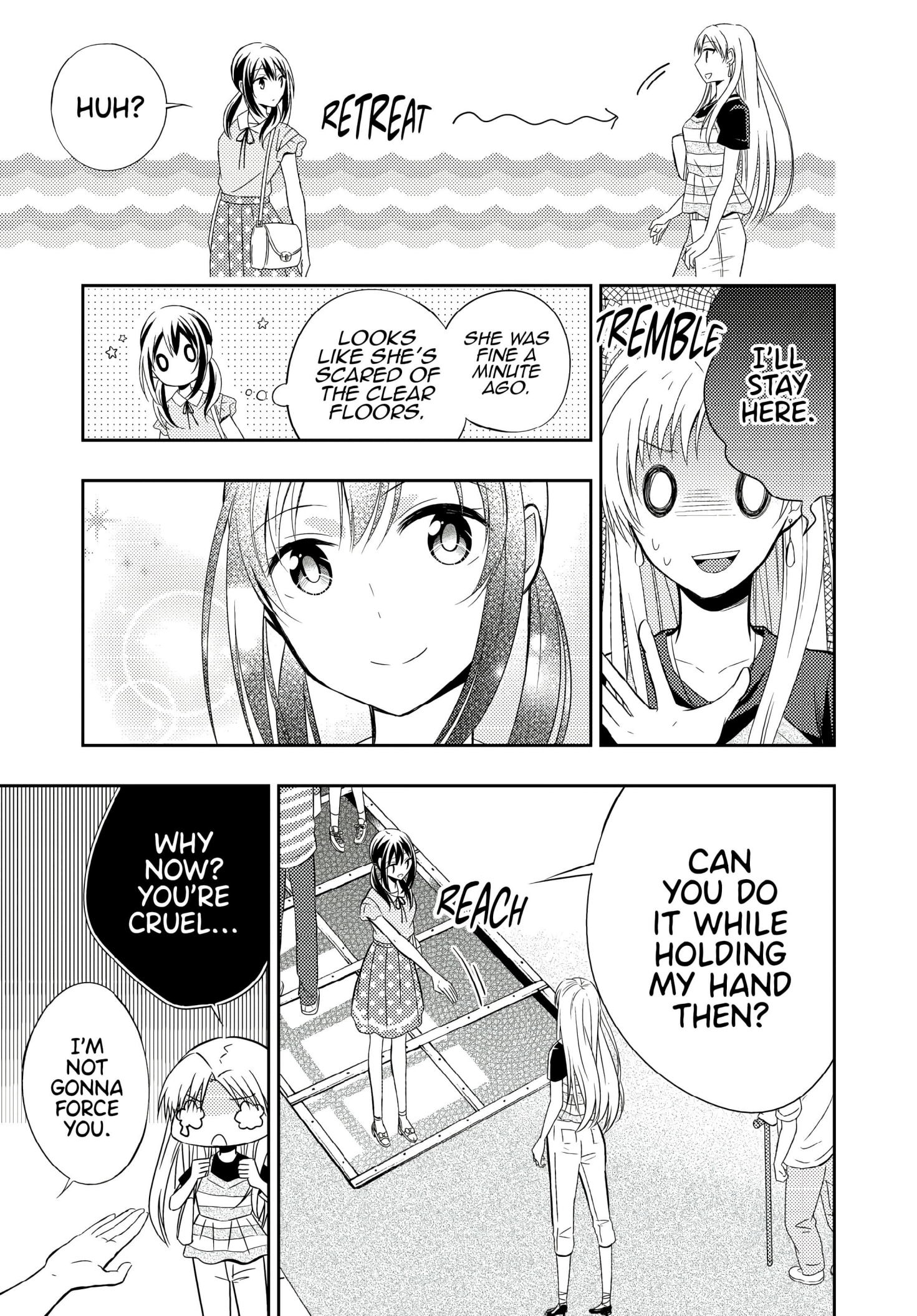
BEING WITH HER LIKE THIS...

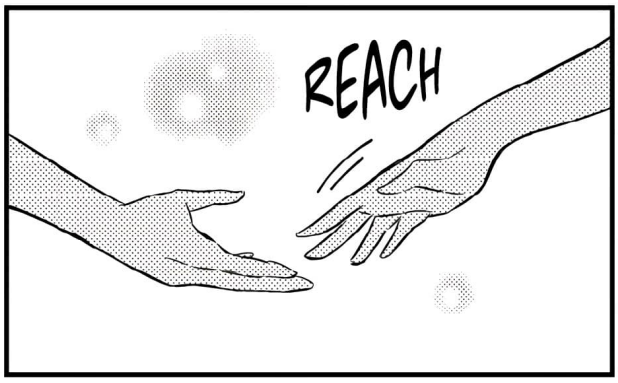
IT REALLY FEELS LIKE A DATE...


WHOA! THE FLOOR PANELS ARE TRANSPARENT!


FLASH

CHECK THIS OUT, REIKO!


HUH?
RETREAT
SHE WAS FINE A MINUTE AGO.
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S SCARED OF THE CLEAR FLOORS.
TREMBLE
I'LL STAY HERE.
CAN YOU DO IT WHILE HOLDING MY HAND THEN?
REACH
WHY NOW? YOU'RE CRUEL...
I'M NOT GONNA FORCE YOU.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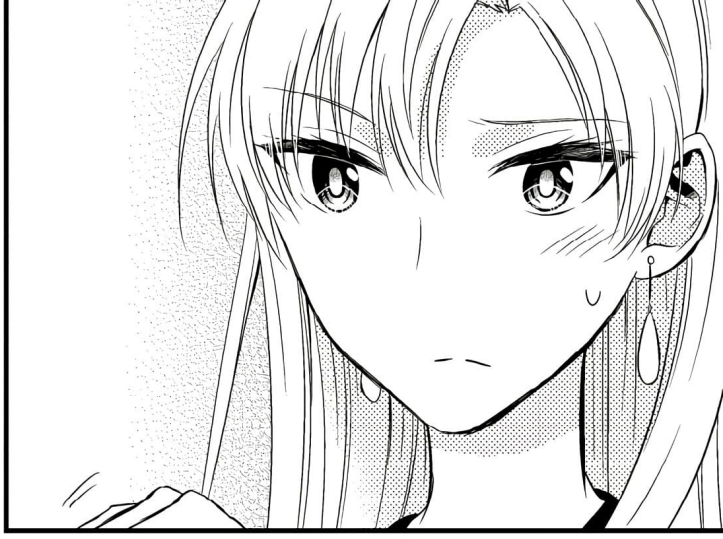
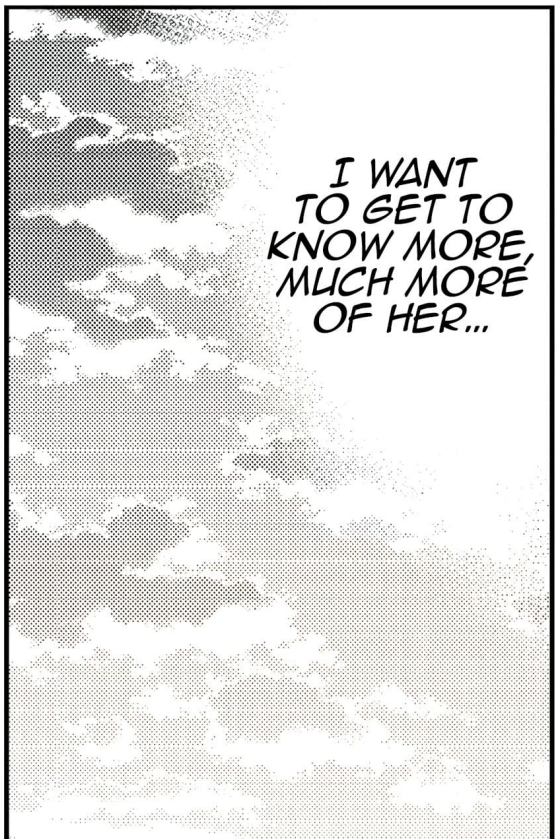
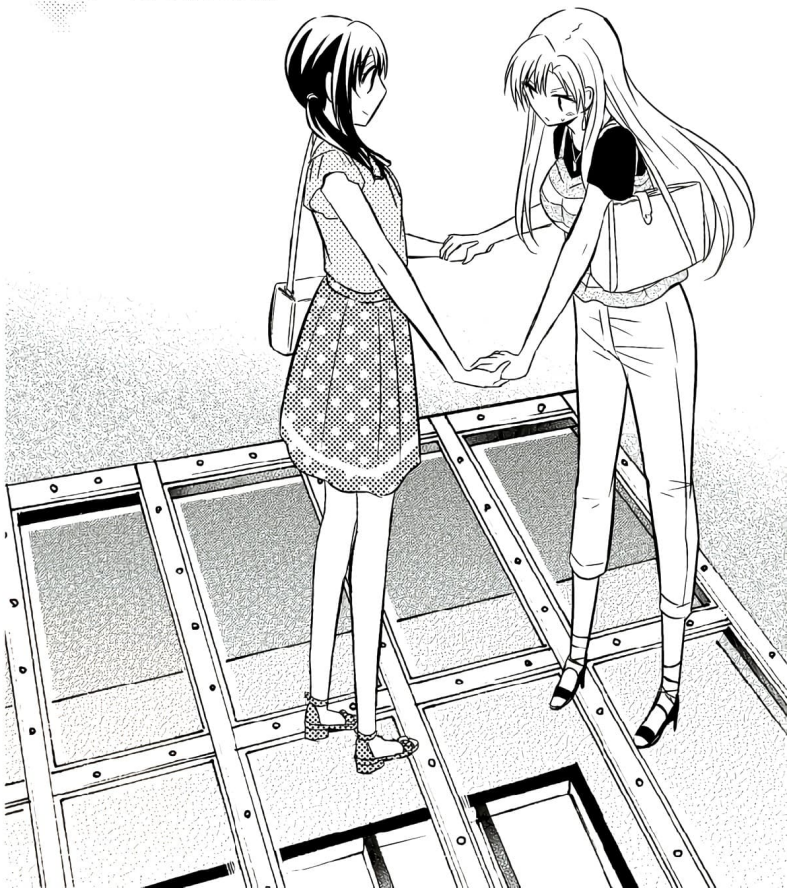


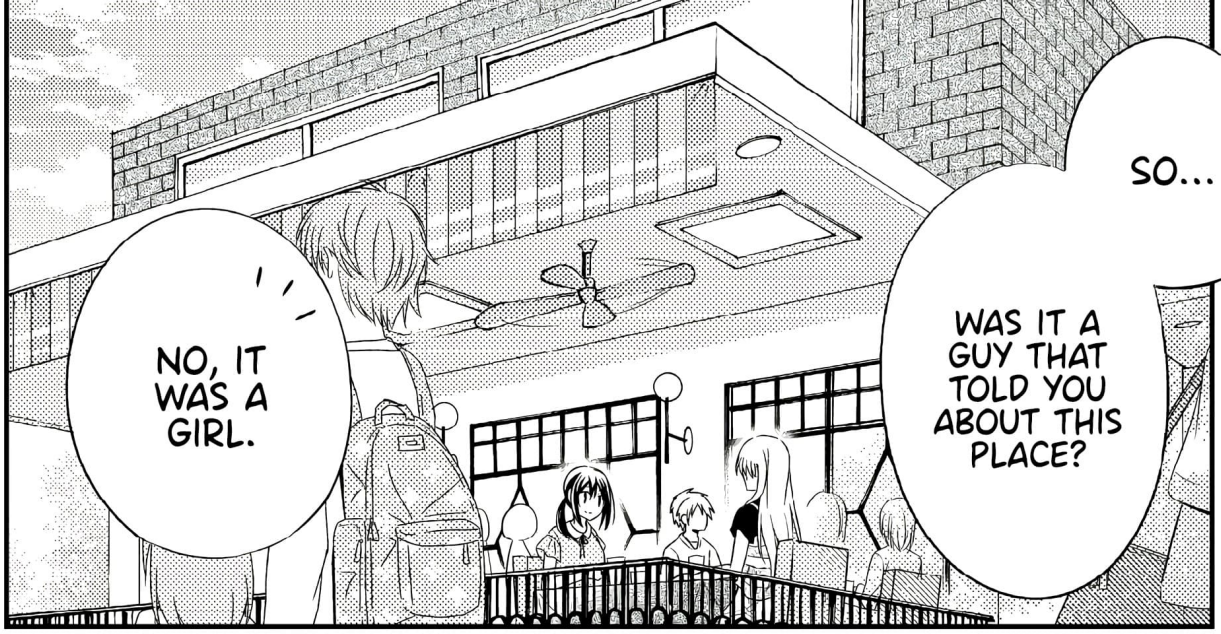
I TRIED REALLY HARD, SO YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME A KISS LATER.
NO.
IN THAT CASE, SOME-THING MUCH BETTER THEN.
!!?

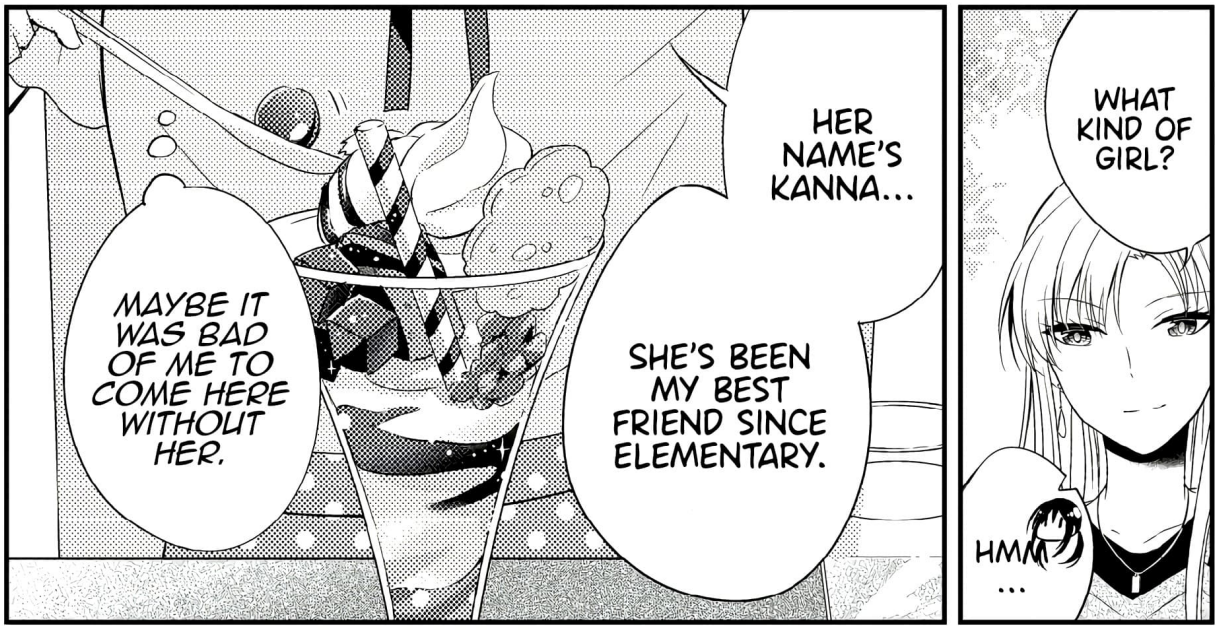
LOOK, EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT.
I NEVER KNEW ABOUT THIS SIDE OF REIKO...

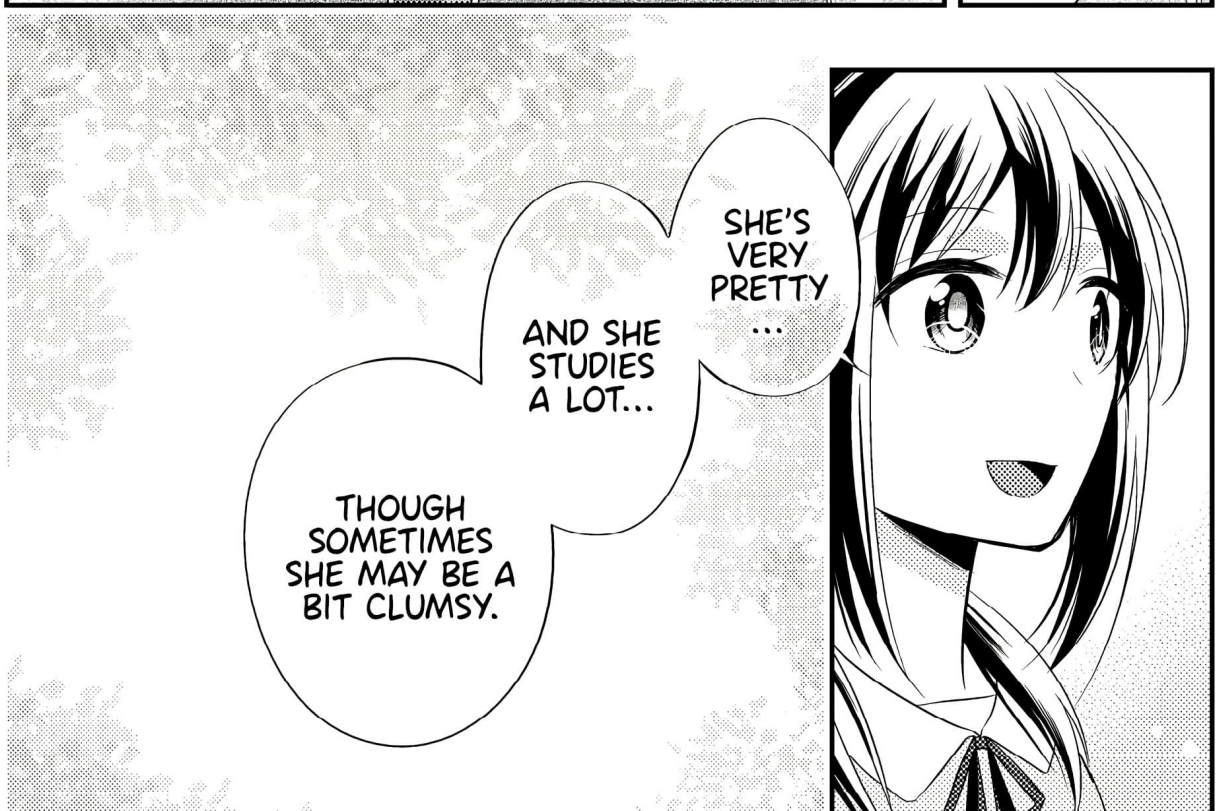

I WANT TO GET TO KNOW MORE, MUCH MORE OF HER...



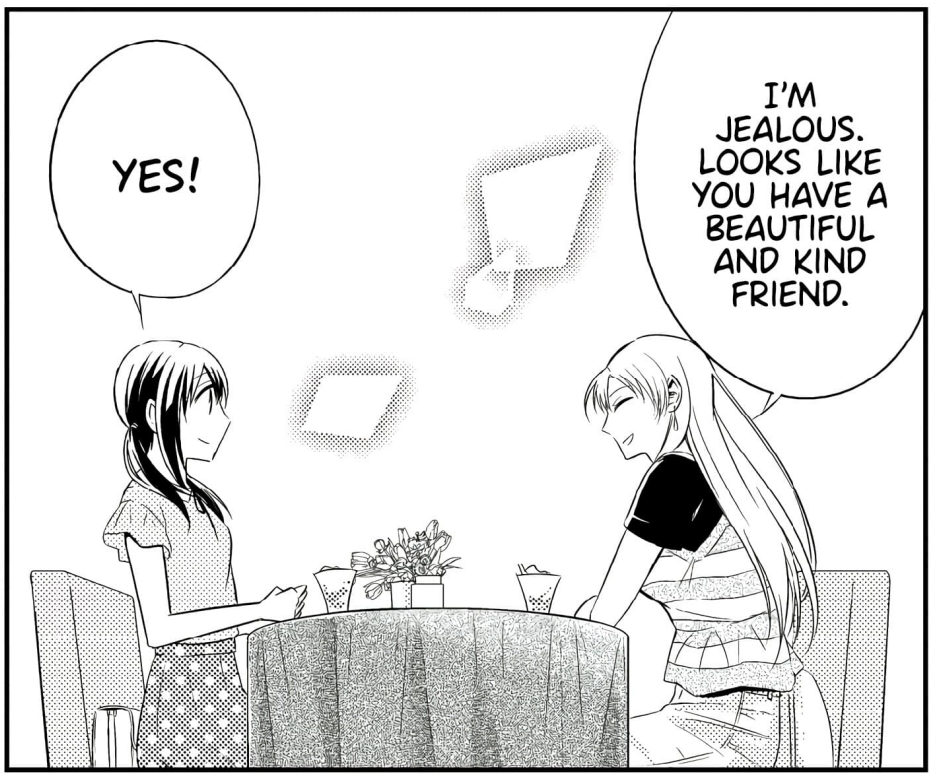
SHOULD WE GO IN THAT STORE?
YEAH, WHICH-EVER'S FINE.
OKAY.
I'VE ALREADY ASKED MATSUDA TO COME AND PICK US UP.
LET'S KEEP EXPLORING UNTIL HE GETS HERE.
RING
SORRY, MATSUDA ...
OH!
THIS STORE!
A FRIEND OF MINE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS PLACE. THEY SELL SOME DELICIOUS CREPES.
THIS MUST BE THAT OTHER STORE FROM THE SAME CHAIN...
WE SHOULD GO IN THEN!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
THESE CREPES ARE SO GOOD! ♪


SO...
WAS IT A GUY THAT TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS PLACE?
NO, IT WAS A GIRL.

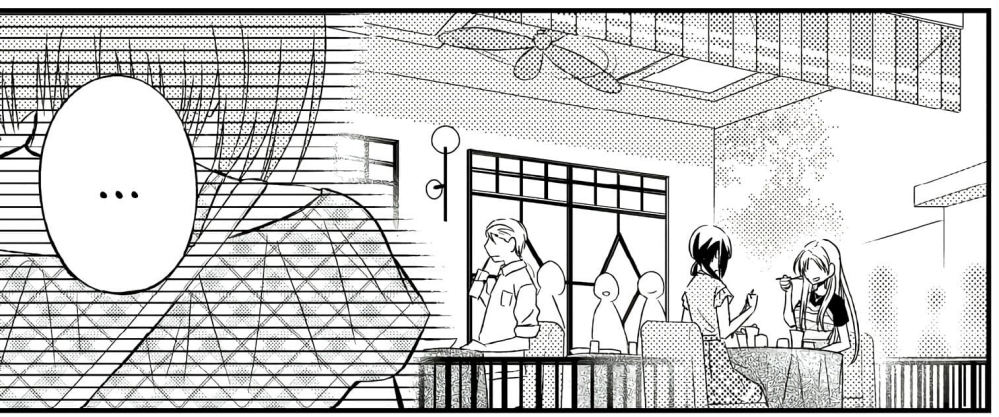

WHAT KIND OF GIRL?
HMM...
HER NAME'S KANNA...
SHE'S BEEN MY BEST FRIEND SINCE ELEMENTARY.
MAYBE IT WAS BAD OF ME TO COME HERE WITHOUT HER.


SHE'S VERY PRETTY...
AND SHE STUDIES A LOT...
THOUGH SOMETIMES SHE MAY BE A BIT CLUMSY.

SHE'S A VERY KIND FRIEND.
ALWAYS BY MY SIDE WHENEVER I'M HAVING A BAD TIME.


YES!
I'M JEALOUS. LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL AND KIND FRIEND.

I SEE...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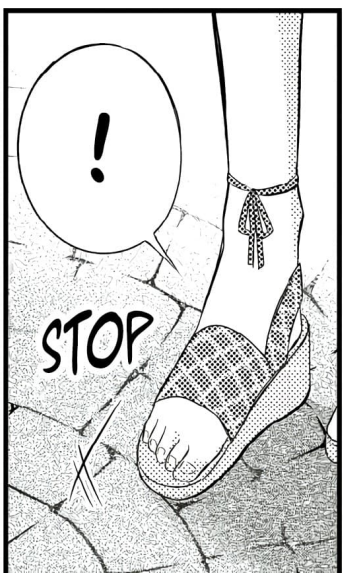
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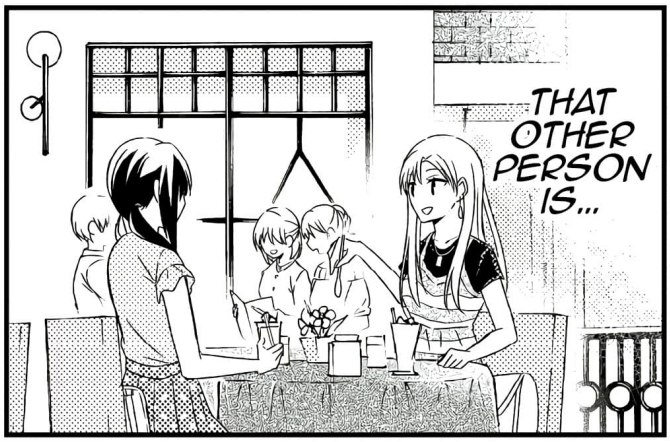
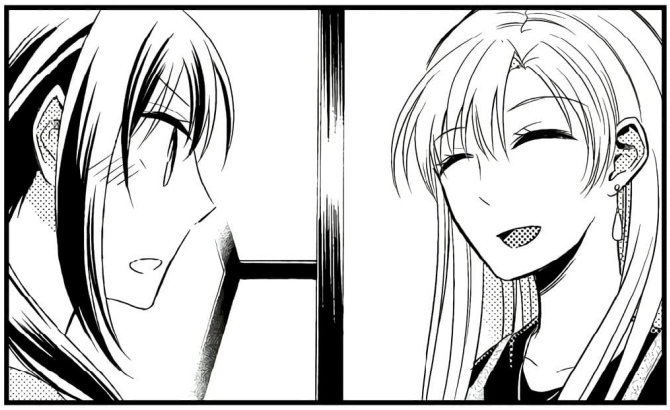
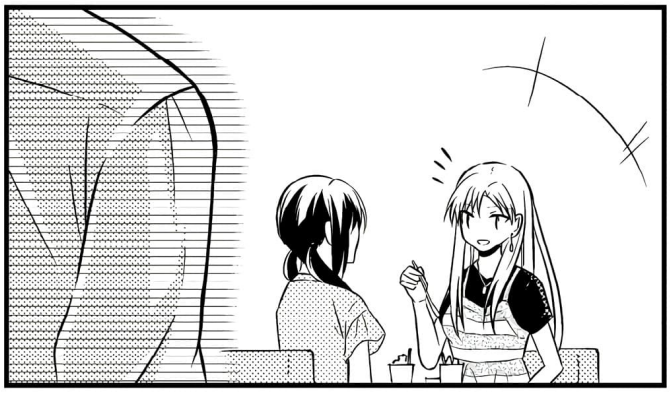

THAT OTHER PERSON IS...

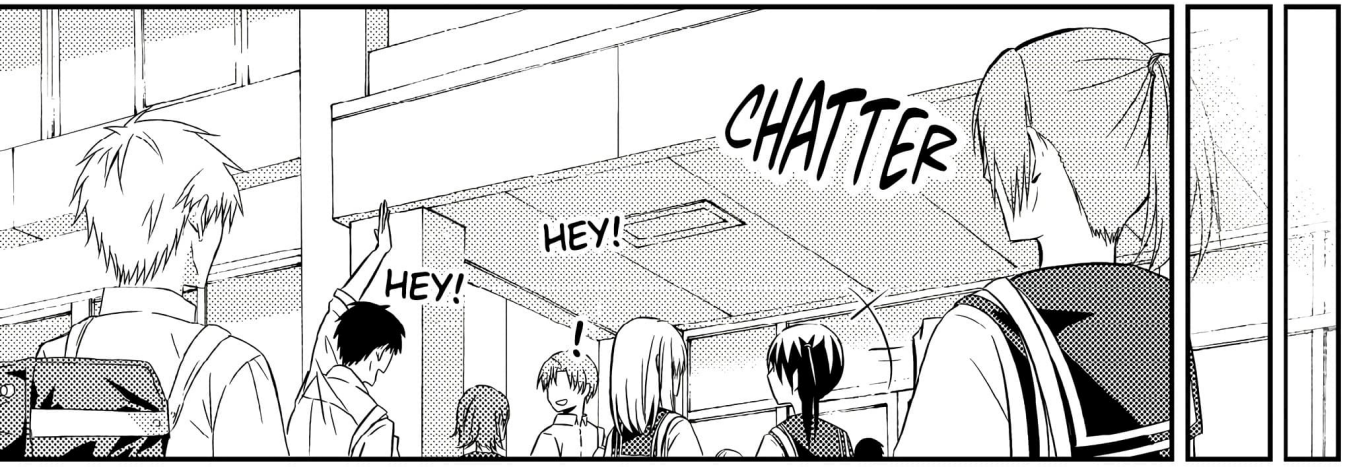




TSUKASA ...?
AND...

HUH?

THAT GUY FROM THE OTHER DAY...
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN...?


CHATTER
HEY!
HEY!
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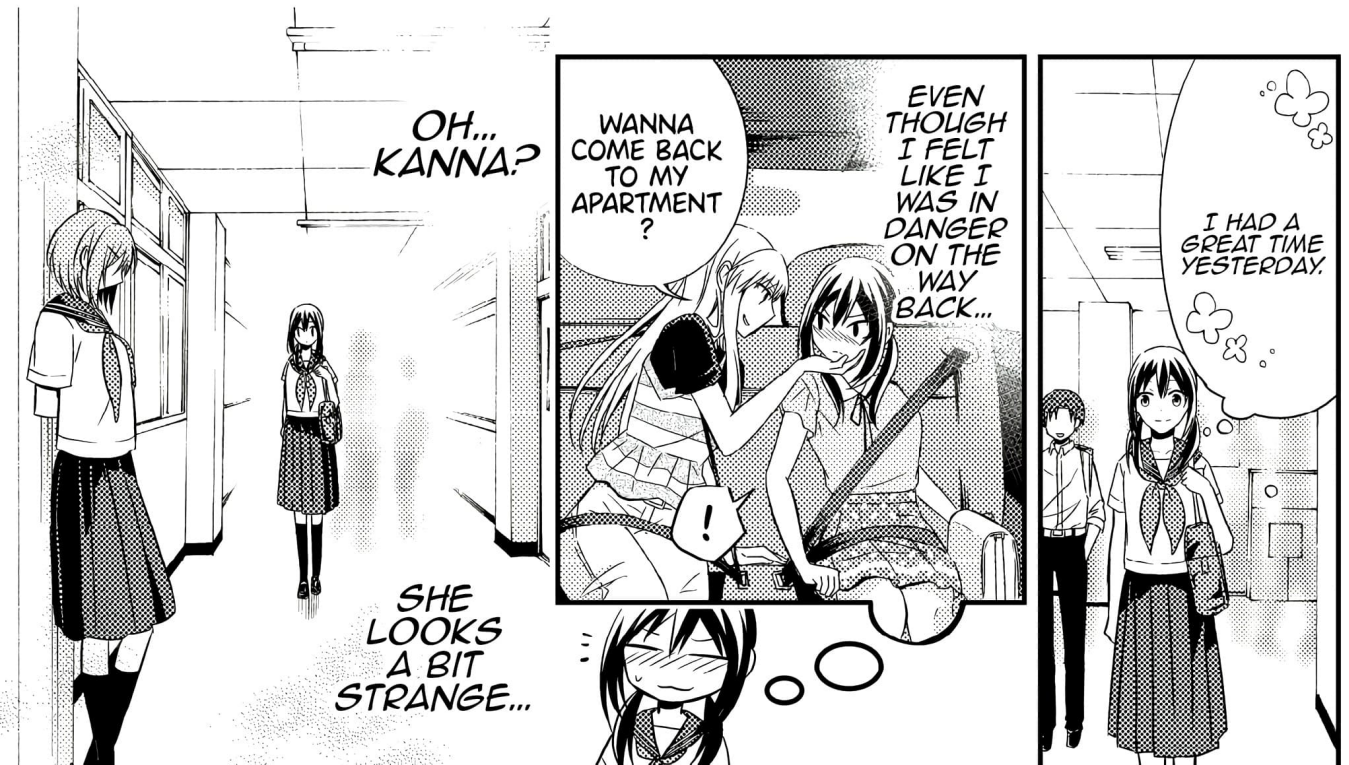
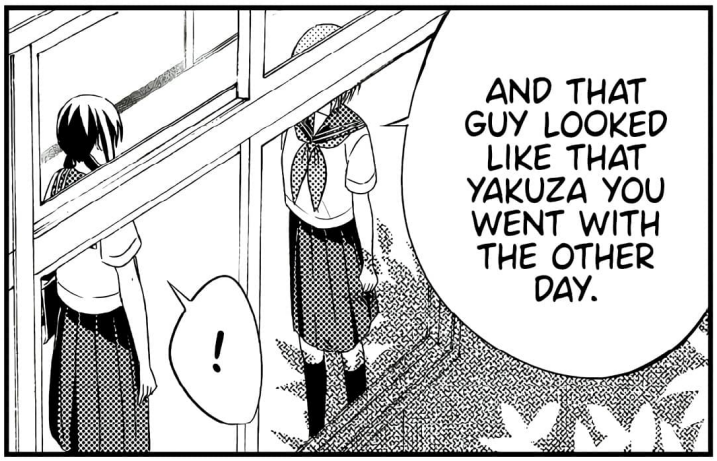

I HAD A GREAT TIME YESTERDAY.
EVEN THOUGH I FELT LIKE I WAS IN DANGER ON THE WAY BACK...
WANNA COME BACK TO MY APARTMENT ?
!
OH... KANNA?
SHE LOOKS A BIT STRANGE...

GOOD MORNING, KANNA!
YESTERDAY ...
HUH?

WHAT DID SHE SEE...?
WELL ...


AND THAT GUY LOOKED LIKE THAT YAKUZA YOU WENT WITH THE OTHER DAY.
!

IT'S STRANGE ...
TO THINK THAT HE WAS ALSO FAMILY.

I SAW YOU YESTERDAY BY COMPLETE COINCIDENCE ...
THE WOMAN NEXT TO YOU WAS YOUR COUSIN, RIGHT? THE SAME ONE YOU TOLD ME THAT WENT BACK TO THE CITY, NO?
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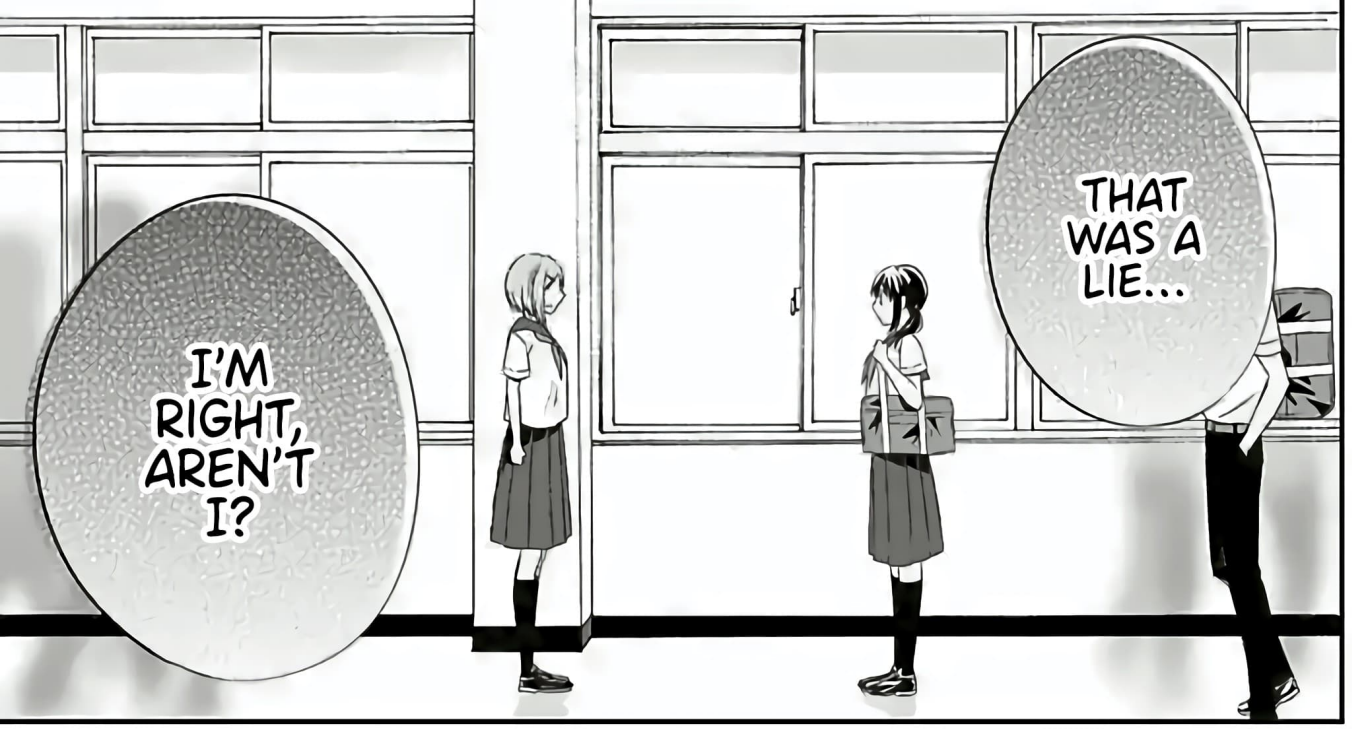
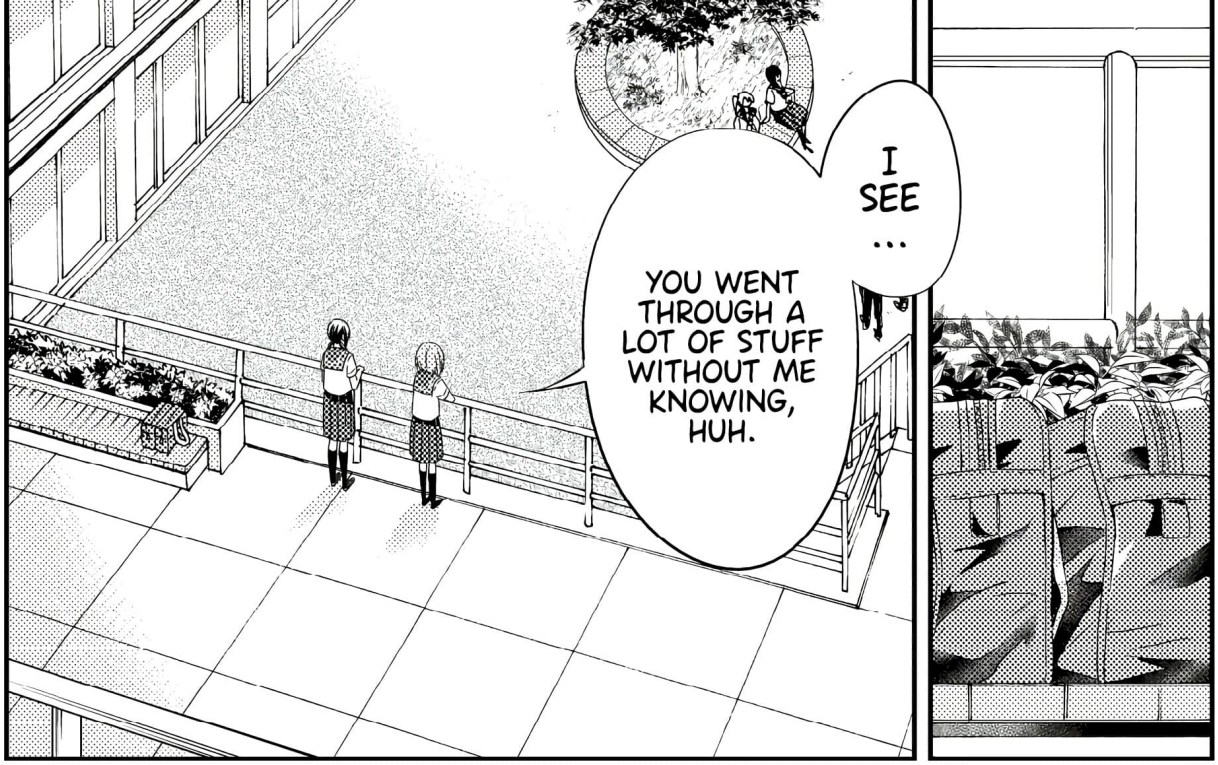
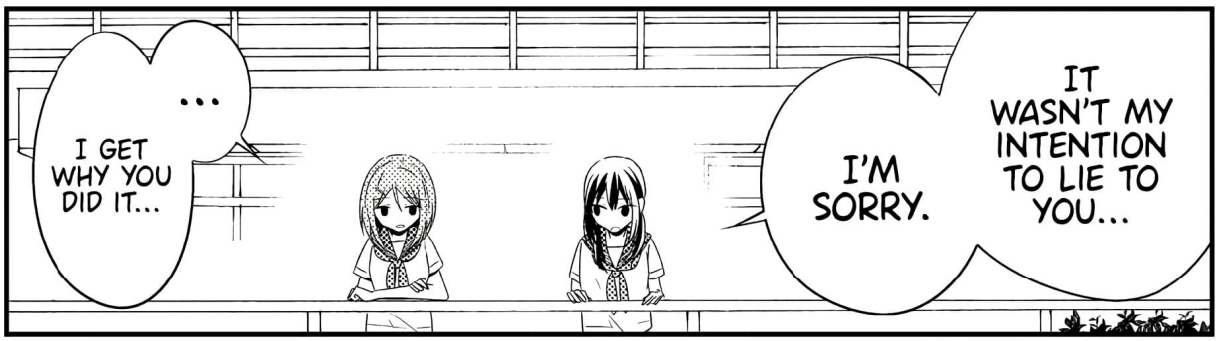


I'LL TELL YOU AFTER CLASS.

I SHOULD'VE TOLD HER THE TRUTH.


I SEE ...
YOU WENT THROUGH A LOT OF STUFF WITHOUT ME KNOWING, HUH.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I GET WHY YOU DID IT...
I'M SORRY.
IT WASN'T MY INTENTION TO LIE TO YOU...

YOU TRIED TO HIDE IT...
BECAUSE YOU FELT GUILTY ABOUT IT, RIGHT?
!

!
OPEN YOUR EYES, TSUKASA!
B-BUT ...
REIKO'S ...
STOP THAT!
KANNA ...
YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE! YOU CAN'T ASSOCIATE YOURSELF WITH THOSE DEBT COLLECTORS!
I...

I DON'T WANT ANYTHING BAD TO HAPPEN TO YOU!
EMBRACE
PLEASE...!